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Applicant : Masanobu Kawamoto et al.
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Action of February 16, 2005, please amend the application, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.